

CHARLES PICKERING BOWDITCH

Charles Pickering Bowditch, noted anthropologist, died suddenly at his home in Jamaica Plain, June 1, 1921. He was born in Boston, September 30, 1842, the son of Jonathan Ingersoll and Lucy Orne (Nichols) Bowditch. He was graduated in 1863 from Harvard where three years later he received the A. M. degree. He was married in 1866 to Cornelia L. Rockwell of Lenox who survived him with three daughters and a son. He served in the Civil War as 2nd Lieutenant in the Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Regiment, rising to 1st Lieutenant and to Captain in that Regiment. In August 1864 he became Captain of the Fifth Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry. Later he became interested in manufacturing companies and was director of several large Massachusetts corporations. He was connected with numerous benevolent societies in Boston and contributed largely to their support.

Mr. Bowditch was a member of various important learned societies, and his connection with the Peabody Museum was notable. From 1888 to the time of his death he was its greatest benefactor. In 1894 he was elected a trustee of the Museum, and he served on the Faculty from that time onward. The Travelling Fellowship in American Archaeology was founded through the initiative and aid of Mr. Bowditch. His never-ending interest and generosity made possible the many expeditions to Mexico, Yucatan, and Central America which resulted in disclosing unknown ruined sites and important additions to the hieroglyphic inscriptions. His great interest centered in Mayan antiquities. The results of these expeditions have been collections which largely fill the hall given over to Mexico and Central America in the Peabody Museum.

Mr. Bowditch was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1891. In October 1902 he made a report to the Society of the meeting of the Congress of the Société Internationale des Americanistes to which

he was sent as a delegate. He made numerous gifts to the Society of his published works on American anthropology; also his *Genealogy of the Pickering Family*. In 1911 he gave the sum of \$150.00 to be added to the Centennial Fund and in 1921 the sum of \$100.00 for the Building Fund. He was always interested in the Society's work, and attended nearly all of its meetings.

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EDWARD HOOKER GILBERT

Edward Hooker Gilbert, a member of this Society since 1900, was born at Ware, Mass., December 7, 1859, and died October 7, 1921. He was the son of John Henry Gilbert and Elizabeth Jane Hooker. After preparatory courses at Greylock Institute and at Phillips Exeter Academy he went to Yale, from which he was graduated in the class of 1881. He then became identified with the George H. Gilbert Manufacturing Company at Ware and was engaged in the business of woolen manufacturing throughout his life. From 1884 to 1887 he was assistant adjutant-general of the Massachusetts volunteer militia, with rank of lieutenant-colonel, serving on the governor's staff. He was married in London, February 16, 1887, to Geraldine M. R. Henry, of Galway, Ireland. She died in 1892 leaving one child, Elizabeth Vaughan Gilbert. He was Treasurer of the Young Men's Library Association of Ware, an endowed free library containing 12,000 volumes. His own private library was also a large one, containing many works of great scarcity, especially in the field of early English literature. He was interested in the local history of his own town, publishing in 1891 a valuable volume entitled "Early Grants and Incorporation of Ware."

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